



MEDIA ADVISORY

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COUNTY ASSISTANCE CENTERS

Volunteer San Diego asked by FEMA to help recruit volunteers for County Assistance Centers

Who Volunteers (individuals, groups and families), recruited by Volunteer San Diego, are being asked to assist the site captains as "gophers" at assistance centers in Alpine, Ramona and Valley Center. They need to report to the captains when they arrive. Volunteer San Diego is the premier provider of volunteer services in San Diego County. Annually, Volunteer San Diego helps nearly 30,000 individuals, families, corporate and community groups find volunteer opportunities at nearly 650 diverse non-profit agencies and schools.

What To volunteer, call: 858.492.2000 x125, or, volunteer2@volunteersandiego.org, or, go to www.volunteersandiego.org. Volunteers needed at local assistance centers beginning today through the end of November. Volunteers will be asked to work in 4- hour shifts.

Why The San Diego County Disaster Recovery Team has opened three centers in unincorporated areas of the County. The purpose of these centers is to provide a "one stop shop" for the families affected by the fires. Among the organizations represented will be: FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency), SBA (Small Business Administration), utilities, mental health officials, building officials, and the Red Cross.

When/ Where

Alpine

1347 Tavern Road

Ramona

325 Sixth Street

Valley Center

28565 Cole Grade Road

The hours of operation are:

7:00am to 7:00pm M-F

8:00am to 5:00pm on weekends

Interviews Wanda Vevia, Executive Director, Volunteer San Diego
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